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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the Administrative Rules of Montana, 16.2.604, the following Preliminary Environmental Review has been prepared by the Department of Health and Environmental Sciences concerning Tri-City Wrecking and Salvage located between Kalispell and Columbia Falls along Highway 206.

The purpose of the Preliminary Environmental Review is to inform all interested governmental agencies, public groups or individuals of the proposed action and to determine whether or not the action may have a significant effect on the human environment. This Preliminary Environmental Review will be circulated for a period of fifteen (15) days at which time a decision will be made as to our future action.

If you care to comment on this proposed action, please do so within the allotted time.

Sincerely,

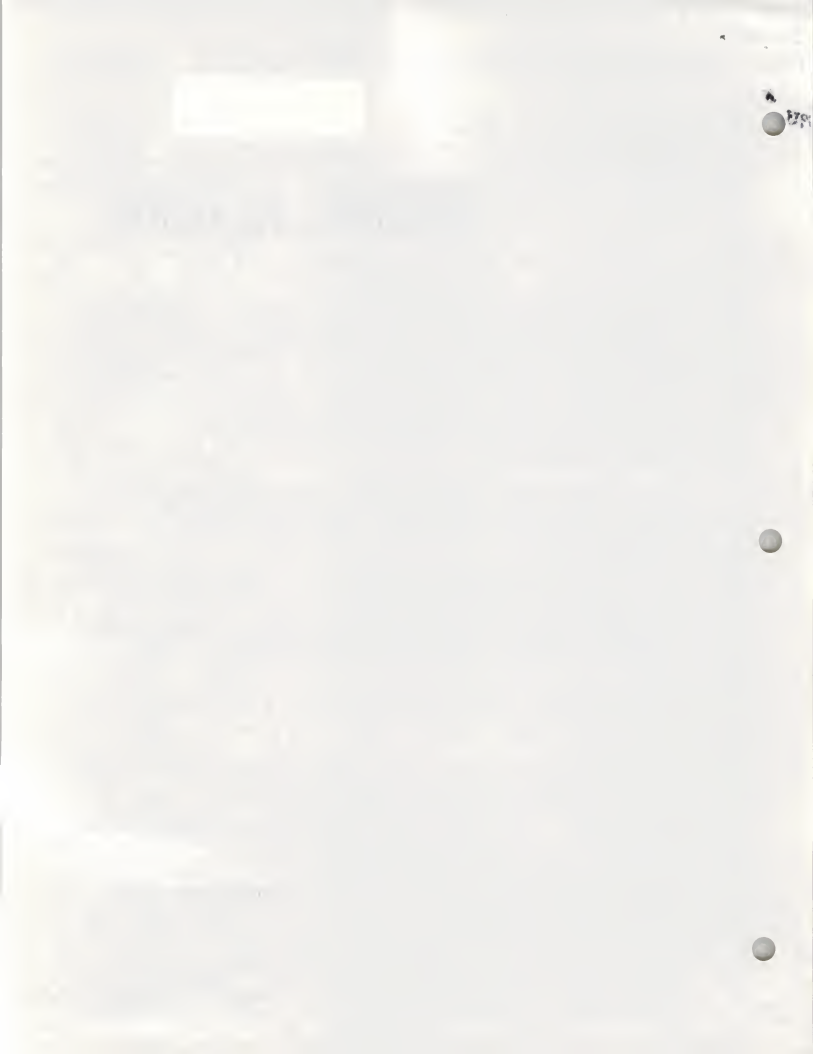
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PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Division/Bureau Environmental Sciences/Solid Waste Management Bureau

Project or Application Tri-City Wrecking and Salvage

Description of Project Establishing and licensing a new motor vehicle wrecking
facility north of Kalispell. See map.

POTENTIAL IMPACT ON PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

	Major	Moderate	Minor	None	Unknown	Comments on Attached Pages
1. Terrestrial & aquatic life and habitats				X		
2. Water quality, quantity and distribution				X		
3. Geology & soil quality, stability and moisture				X		
4. Vegetation cover, quant- ity and quality			X			X
5. Aesthetics			X			X
6. Air quality				X		
7. Unique, endangered, fragile, or limited environmental resources				X		
8. Demands on environmen- tal resources of land, water, air & energy				X		
9. Historical and archaeo- logical sites					X	

POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON HUMAN ENVIRONMENT

	Major	Moderate	Minor	None	Unknown	Comments on Attached Pages
1. Social structures and mores				X		
2. Cultural uniqueness and diversity				X		
3. Local and state tax base & tax revenue			X			X
4. Agricultural or industrial production			X			X
5. Human health				X		
6. Quantity and distribution of community and personal income			X			X
7. Access to and quality of recreational and wilderness activities				X		
8. Quantity and distribution of employment			X			X
9. Distribution and density of population and housing				X		
10. Demands for government services			X			X
11. Industrial & commercial activity			X			X
12. Demands for energy				X		
13. Locally adopted environmental plans & goals				X		X
14. Transportation networks & traffic flows				X		

Other groups or agencies contacted or which may have overlapping jurisdiction

Individuals or groups contributing to this PER. Flathead County Junk Vehicle Program, Zoning administrator

Recommendation concerning preparation of EIS Not necessary

PER Prepared by: LARRY D. MITCHELL

Date: April 5, 1983

April 5, 1983

GENERAL COMMENTS

The applicants have proposed the establishment and licensing of a four-acre wrecking facility located between Kalispell and Columbia Falls along State Secondary Highway 206. The facility measures 400' by 400' and will be set back 100 feet from the highway right of way.

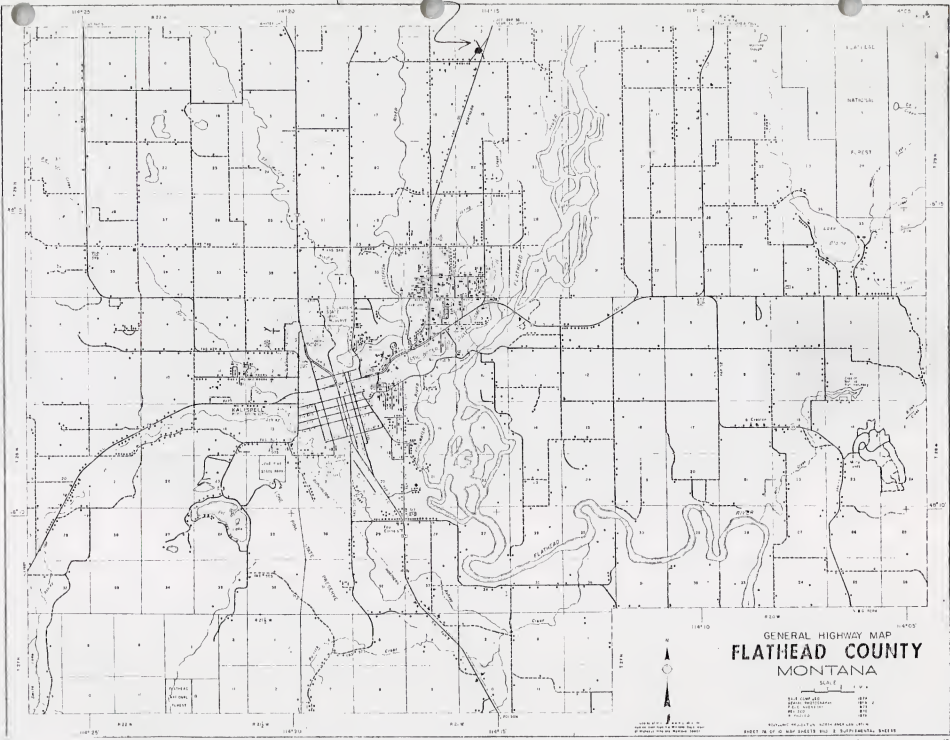
The Motor Vehicle Recycling and Disposal Law and Regulations require that wrecking facilities be screened from public view such that junk vehicles are not visible from a point six feet above the centerline of any public road. This facility is proposed to be screened by a solid wood fence ten feet in height. Topography near the site is flat. The highway is not elevated significantly over the level of the proposed yard in the area near the proposed site. If properly constructed in accordance with Rule 16.14.202 ARM, the screening proposal should be adequate to shield the proposed facility in compliance with state law.

The previous land use for this location was agricultural. Obviously there will be a change in land use from agricultural production to industrial or commercial use with this proposal. This may not be an irreversible land use as motor vehicle wrecking facilities are closed and removed relatively easily.

This facility is planned as an aggressively operated salvage and used parts business and should be one of the more active such facilities in the Kalispell area. It should have some minor but positive impacts on such criteria as local and state tax base and revenue, employment and income opportunities for the owners/operators and any additional employees necessary for the operation. Secondary industries, trades, and businesses such as construction, building materials, communications, transportation and others may be impacted slightly as necessary support services are required for the construction and operation of this facility.



proposed site



GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP
FLATHEAD COUNTY
MONTANA

Scale 1" = 10 miles

Red line with dots	State Route
Black line with dots	County Route
Blue line with dots	Waterway
Green line with dots	Forest
Yellow line with dots	Unimproved Road

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